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The sanitary conditions of Belize and the adjacent country are good. Four deaths during the week as follows: April 1, a child, aged 6 months, from acute enteritis; an adult, aged 25 years, from acute hepatitis. April 4, a child, aged 1 year, from inanition, and an adult, aged 32 years, from pernicious malaria.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

COLOMBIA.

*Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival at this port on April 3 from Mobile. Have instituted disinfection of laborers' clothing, and hope to have things running smoothly in a few days. Have made close inquiry as to the health of the port, and all reports are satisfactory that no contagious or infectious diseases exist here at this time.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHAUT,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of a letter, dated Mobile, Ala., March 21, 1901, from the quarantine board, Mobile Bay, requesting information as to the health conditions of this port.

I have delayed making a report on the conditions existing here in order that I might be able to get full information from all the surrounding country.

I have an intimate knowledge of this port since 1895, and can say that I never saw it healthier, and from individuals who are in a position to know, I learn that the last case of yellow fever was that of Dr. Johnson, who died here about January 3, 1901.

I also take pleasure in adding, that the companies engaged in the fruit business at this port will endeavor to stamp out the disease; and prior to my arrival had endeavored to disinfect all premises known to have had cases of yellow fever.

Dr. C. G. Probert, who is employed by the United Fruit Company and has charge of their hospital at this place, said he would furnish me with a list of the different premises disinfected, but owing to his being out of town am not able to procure same.

The conditions at this port at this time compare very favorably with the conditions of the early part of the year 1900; but to this the important fact must be added, that no contagious or infectious diseases had existed at this point since yellow fever was reported in the year 1897, until it was again reported in July, 1900.

Unrestricted communication exists between this port and all the other coast towns, just the same as in former years.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHAUT,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
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BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit report for the week ended Tuesday, April 9, 1901.

The following named vessels have been inspected, received bills of health, and cleared for the United States during the week: April 4, Norwegian steamship *Harald*, Halverson, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. April 5, Norwegian steamship *Bodo*, Johannesen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. April 6, Norwegian steamship *Colombia*, Hertzberg, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. April 7, Norwegian steamship *Banes*, Fronstad, master; crew, 19; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.

The health of this port and surroundings is excellent, the best I have known for several years; even the cases of malarial origin are decidedly few.

No record whatever of the deaths is kept by the Government officials; but I know of none for the week just ended.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## COSTA RICA.

*Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port.*PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *April 13, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report:

Four steamships have been given certificates, copies of which are inclosed, viz, *Anselm*, crew 40, no passengers or baggage; *Olympia*, crew 40, no passengers nor baggage; *Holstein*, crew 22 no passengers nor baggage; *Beverly*, crew 38, no passengers nor baggage; all from and for New Orleans, La.

No deaths occurred in Port Limon for the week ended April 7, 1901.

In addition to the case of yellow fever reported by cable and letter April 5, 1901, there has been no evidence of infectious or quarantinable diseases obtainable by me.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *April 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to say, as supplementary to a special report of April 5, 1901, giving symptoms and history of a case of yellow fever and in reply to a letter of Dr. Henry Goldthwaite of the quarantine board of Mobile Bay, with instructions indorsed thereon March 26, 1901, that I answer his question direct to the Bureau, the yellow fever case reported is now convalescent, the room, bedding, and clothing of the patient have been well disinfected with formaldehyd from the generator; and as yet I have been able to find no other case of yellow fever from this or other focus.

From examination of the records available and information furnished by physicians and other reputable citizens, I regard the general health of Port Limon as about the same as it was last year at this season.